

# **DAA**Alert . . . . on *Solid Waste Issues*



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## *Rural Communities*

# **Solid Waste Grants Available From the USDA**

Solid Waste Management Grants for evaluating current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources are available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service. Applications will be accepted from October 1 through December 31 of each calendar year

These grants are available to any area, city, or town defined as "rural." A rural entity is one with a population at or below 10,000 inhabitants according to the latest decennial census of the United States. Associations are defined as an entity, including a small city or town, that is eligible for Rural Utilities Service (RUS) water and waste financial assistance in accordance with RUS Regulation 1780, part 7. Private non-profit organizations are also eligible.

These grants may also be used to:

- help communities reduce the solid waste stream.
- provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the operation and maintenance of active landfills
- provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the operation and maintenance of those that are closed or will be closed in the near future.

Grant funds may not be used to pay for capital assets, the purchase of real estate or vehicles, improve and renovate office space, or repair and maintain privately owned property. They may also not be used to pay for construction or operation and maintenance costs.

To read the full grant announcement go to [www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm](http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm). For more information about this and other solid waste issues feel free to contact Jeff Crate ([jcrate@daa.com](mailto:jcrate@daa.com)) or Deborah Flippo ([dflippo@daa.com](mailto:dflippo@daa.com)) at (540) 552-0444.

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